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Remarks/ Arguments

Claims 34, 36 and 37 are pending in the application. Claims 34 and 37 are currently rejected. Claim 36 is allowed. Applicant respectfully submits the following remarks and arguments with respect to claims rejected in the Office Action of July 28, 2005. A petition for a one month extension of time is included with this response.

Claim 34 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as anticipated by new reference Hamilton (U.S. Patent 5,852,722). Hamilton discloses a method for configuring newly purchased, previously unconfigured home computers that automatically contact an autoconfiguration server in order to download "client computer specific data" which is stored on the autoconfiguration server at time of sale/purchase/shipment of the home computer to the user. Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection because the present invention of claim 34 as amended claims a system including a "user interface... configured for user definition of or updates to data stored on said at least one server", whereas the Hamilton disclosure only shows an autoconfiguration or sales server user interface which is presumably used by a sales consultant (not the end user) to enter client computer specific data.

Hamilton abstract says "The client computer specific data is stored in the database at time of sale/purchase/shipment of the home network computer to the user" and this data is described as including client computer serial number, client computer model information, sales information identifying the end user or designated recipient of the home network client computer, and other end user specific configuration information such as customer configuration choices made when the customer purchased or ordered the computer. This data or information is shown in Hamilton Figure 4, and further described at col.4, lines 45+ as "End user specific configuration information 414 can include software features or service features selected by the end user at the time the end user's computer was purchased or ordered." However, Hamilton never discloses or suggests a

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user interface that is configured for to allow the end user to actually select, define or update data stored on the server. Rather, Hamilton only discloses a process for capturing data at time of "sale/purchase/shipment", which would be before the user would even have access to any user interface mentioned in Hamilton, and thus Hamilton does not disclose a user interface configured for user definition of or updates to data stored on the server.

Claim 34 is hereby further amended in order to more specifically point out and claim that the invention of Claim 34 relates to transmitting server data to a device in response to a triggering event. New dependent claims 41 - 43 further specify that this triggering event may be a request for configuration data from the device, or updates to the configuration data on the server, or reaching a scheduled time.

New dependent claim 40 specifies that the network connection between the server and device is wireless, and claims 44 and 45 are added here to further specify types of data that may be distributed using the claimed system.

Claim 37 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Parulski et al. (U.S. 2003/0025808) in view of new reference Sheridan (U.S. 5,760,917). Parulski discloses a utilization file that allows the user to "select 'downstream' services at the time of capture" and create print/ transmission/ albuming orders on a camera. Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

Applicant submits that Claim 37 distinguishes over Parulski by reciting "parsing the message at the server and processing each image according to each code". That is, when read in connection with the specification, this limitation describes a process that is not disclosed by Parulski, because in the present specification the code is clearly defined to be a recipient code or nickname that corresponds to recipient information that is stored in a database on the server, and when the message arrives at the server, it is processed by parsing each code from the message, and using these codes as keys to retrieve processing instructions previously defined by the user in order to control how messages with that code are to be processed. However, when read in the abstract, and not interpreted in light of the specification, Applicant understands how this 'code' of

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prior claim 37 could be read to mean any of the section identification codes shown in Parulski's Appendix I, such as "PrintOrder" or "EmailOrder" and that these Parulski utilization file codes could be used to direct how to process each image on the server. Accordingly, Applicant hereby amends Claim 37 to include a step of selecting at least one set of recipients from a database on the server, and submits that Claim 37 as amended distinguishes over Parulski '808 at least by reciting additional server processing steps that are not disclosed by Parulski. Namely, the step of "selecting from a database on said server at least one set of recipients corresponding to said code" represents a processing step that occurs on the server and is not disclosed by Parulski. Applicant submits that this step as disclosed, and recited in amended Claim 37, makes the invention of Claim 37 allowable over Parulski, and Claim 37 is therefore patentable over Parulski in view of Sheridan.

Applicant respectfully submits herewith additional claims 38, 39 and 46 - 49. Claim 38 corresponds to prior claim 24, and is similar to claim 37 and includes the new limitation ("selecting from a database on said server") discussed above regarding claim 37, and respectfully submits that with this change the invention of claim 38 is now also allowable over Parulski. The method of Claim 39 is similar to that of claim 38 but is not limited to messages that include images, and is also allowable over Parulski due to the new limitation ("selecting from a database on said server") discussed above.

New claim 46 is based on claim 36 but is not limited to messages that include an image. New claim 47 is based on claim 39 and should be allowable over the prior art for similar reasons, but is focused on the server message handling process only. New claim 48 is like claim 47, but is a server process focused on saving the message at a specific destination associated with the message code. New claim 49 is like claim 47, but server process focuses on archiving a message on the server when the code indicates that the message is to be held on the server.

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For the reasons explained herein, Applicant respectfully submits that, in addition to previously allowed Claim 36, the present Claims 34 and 37-49 are allowable over the cited prior art references.

Respectfully submitted,



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